

March 2, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council Members on February 26, 2009, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Jr., Richard Dornisch, and City Manager David Greene

Absent: Sean Gabler (excused)

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Warren Stewart, Dan Hepner, and Richard Sadley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
February 16, 2009

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2009, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**  
**Appointment to the**  
**St. Marys Municipal**  
**Authority**

Manager Greene stated a "Letter of Interest" was received from Joe Dagher. He is interested in serving on the St. Marys Municipal Authority. The Manager noted a letter was also received from the St. Marys Municipal Authority recommending the appointment of Joseph Dagher to the Authority.

Mayor Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Joseph Dagher as a member of the St. Marys Municipal Authority, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**Consider for Adoption:**  
**Ordinance No. 249**  
**re: 2009 Guaranty**  
**Agreement - Benzinger**  
**Twp. Golf Course**  
**Authority**  
**(\$1,120,375.)**

Ordinance No. 249 authorizing the incurrence of lease rental debt by the City pursuant to the execution and delivery of a Guaranty Agreement with the Benzinger Township Municipal Golf Course Authority and Northwest Savings Bank; authorizing the execution and filing of a debt statement and approval request with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$1,120,375.00.

Manager Greene noted a memo was received from Thomas Wagner, Attorney for the Benzinger Twp. Golf Course Authority, explaining the publishing of an Ordinance per the Home Rule Charter. Ordinance No. 249 was published February 21, 2009.

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Resolution No. 09-10  
re: Co. Liquid Fuel  
Funds (\$11,000.)

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 249, seconded by Richard Gabler, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 09-10 was presented notifying the City that the Elk County Commissioner's approved a disbursement of Liquid Fuel Funds in the amount of \$11,000. The funding will be used to purchase 18 limestone to chip seal the City's unimproved roads.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-10, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**Consider for Publication**  
Ordinance No. 250 re:  
New Sanitary Sewer  
Laterals and  
Extensions

Ordinance No. 250 was presented amending Chapter 18, Part 1, Section 104 establishing regulations for the installation and costs of new sanitary sewer laterals and sanitary sewer extensions within the City, as follows:

1. All costs associated with the installation of new sanitary sewer laterals or new sanitary sewer extensions shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
2. The City, the Authority, or an approved private contractor by either entity, shall install the sanitary sewer laterals or the sanitary sewer extensions from the sanitary sewer main to the property line. All work shall be under the direction and approval of the City or the Authority. The property owner shall be responsible for all costs.

Mayor Sally Geyer made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 250, seconded by Richard Gabler, and all were in favor.

**Award Bid**  
Contaminated Soils  
at the former  
Industrial Steel  
& Pipe site on  
Depot Street

Manager Greene stated the following four bids were opened during a public meeting on February 11, 2009 at City Hall for excavation and disposal of contaminated soils from the former Industrial Steel and Pipe site on Depot Street:

- Glen O. Hawbaker, Inc.....\$379,400.
- CleanHarbors ES.....\$198,552.
- OP-Tech ES, Inc.....\$219,395.
- TIER ES, LLC.....\$148,381.



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A letter was received from the Quad 3 Group recommending the bid for the remediation contract for the former Industrial Steel & Pipe site on Depot Street be awarded to TIER Environmental Services, Gap, PA. All bid documents, bid bond, certifications, and compliance statements are acceptable.

Steven Skok made a motion to award the bid to TIER ES, LLC on the recommendation of the Quad Three Group, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

Route 255 and  
Arch Street  
Traffic Lights

Dennis Nero stated he has been approached by several citizens regarding the traffic lights at the Route 255 and Arch Street intersection. Mr. Nero felt this intersection is just waiting for a major accident to happen. He suggested East Arch and West Arch Streets should be on opposite rotating directions. When East Arch Street has a red light, West Arch Street should be green. He felt these traffic lights should be opposite. Mr. Nero also mentioned the high rate of speed of vehicles on Route 255 and individuals running red traffic signals. He felt Representative Matt Gabler should be contacted to work with the City and PennDOT to address the traffic light issue.

After further comments and concerns from Council, Manager Greene noted there is a 12 year plan in place to update the traffic signals at Vine, Arch, and So. St. Marys Streets. A traffic study would need to be made by PennDOT.

City's Street  
Lights

A discussion was also held regarding the increase of electricity for the City's street lights. The Manager stated there has been a 12% increase this year and possibly another 12% increase next year. The Manager noted a solution could be to remove every other street light at certain locations.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Thomas Farley questioned when the Historical Plaques will be installed. Manager Greene responded as soon as the frost comes out of the ground. Grant money was received to install the plaques.

Richard Dornisch asked if the plaques can be coated for protection against vandalism. Manager stated the plaques are laminated. Thomas Farley thought the plaques located in Ridgway are covered. The Manager will check into a plastic covering.

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Richard Gabler noted Electronic Recycling will be held on the third Saturday of each month with the next one being on March 21st; and that they are now collecting Nos. 1 and 2 plastic bottle. As soon as the time and date of the next medicine clean-up becomes available, Mr. Gabler will make an announcement.

Dennis Nero questioned if the Solicitor has a time period when he will have the ordinance for fire damaged buildings and residences ready for Council's review. The Manager will check with the Solicitor.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:  
- Next Council meeting will be held on  
Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

Shirley Dicklas  
Recording Secretary